



ON THEIR DAY . . . Past presidents who served the Torrance Woman's club through its many years of growth were special guests at the luncheon meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse. They are from left, Mmes. B. T. Whitney, H. R. Richards, W. I. Laughon, J. S. Lancaster, Chris Jones, John Thuss, president, H. C. Barrington, Dean Sears, M. J. Beale, H. L. Mitchell and R. E. Moffitt. The past presidents were presented with orchid corsages by Mrs. J. P. Bay, first vice president and Mrs. Sid Gans, membership chairman. In keeping with the day of reminiscing, the guest speaker was W. E. Bowen, long-time Torrance resident, who recalled the history of Torrance from its founding to the present time.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Ann Landers

"No ash trays by design . . ."

Dear Ann: Please answer in the paper. It's about time this matter was aired publicly. Why is it that people that smoke have no consideration for people who don't use tobacco and find the smell of smoke offensive—if not sickening? Today smokers seem to take over everywhere. They crawl into your car with a cigarette, walk into an elevator with a cigar and light up and puff away in your home, as well as blow smoke in your face at the office. My husband and I do not smoke and neither do our children. There are no ash trays in our living room—by design. A friend who visited us recently lit a cigar and flicked the ashes in his pants cuff. You'd think that when people see no ash trays around they'd take the hint.

How do you feel about this? —A THINKING MAN.

Dear Thinking: Not as vehemently as you. I don't smoke and I never did—but I have ash trays in my home for people who do. Considerate people are courteous. They always ask for permission to light up when in the presence of non-smokers. When they see no ash trays they should take the hint and abstain. If smoke bothers you, you have the right to say so. If the addict is so far gone that he MUST have a weed, he should excuse himself.

Dear Ann: I raised my sister's daughter Peggy when her parents were both killed in an accident. My own three daughters married nice boys and are very content. Peggy is 27, still with me, and causing more trouble than my three girls put together. For three years she's been going with a boy 22—off and on—mostly off. He doesn't show up for dates and she spends most of her time phoning taverns looking for him. Several weeks ago she met a man 31, who is much more sensible than Frank. When Frank found out about this he went to pieces. He begged for another chance. She is thinking of giving him a year's trial. I'm very eager for her to break up with Frank, but I'm afraid to say anything for fear she'll do just the opposite. What do you think?—T.A.

Dear T. A.: Peggy sounds like a case of arrested development. A boy 22 is too young for a girl 27. You are wise to say nothing. I sincerely hope she can hold the 31-year-old's interest, and that she'll give. (Continued on Page 10)

Visitor Feted At Coffee

Miss Elizabeth Wright of New London, Conn., who has spent the past three weeks here with her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright, 1532 El Prado Ave., was complimented at a coffee on Tuesday morning given by her hostess. The guest list included a number of friends whom Miss Wright had made on previous visits to Torrance. Greeting the visitor were Mmes. J. H. Hull, Otto Willett, Howard Wood, W. I. Laughon, Lolly Aherns, A. C. Turner, John Popovich, Perry Connett, Howard McDonald, Don Mosher, Chris Bartsch, Edward Ludwig, Fred Bever, Ralph Sprout, and Fred Bacon. Miss Wright left by jet Thursday morning for her home. In September, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright will go to New London to join Miss Wright for a tour of Europe.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leech had as their dinner guests on Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrington and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson.

Engagement Announced By Parents

On May 28 at the St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Lomita, Miss Kathleen Elaine Williams will become the bride of Gregory Allen Brown.

The announcement of their daughter's engagement and forthcoming wedding is being made by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Williams, 1637 West 248th St., Harbor City.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion P. Brown, 3925 Elm Ave., Long Beach.

Miss Williams was graduated from Narbonne High school and attended Long Beach City college. She is a medical assistant to Dr. John Cottrell in Long Beach.

Her fiancé, a Polytechnic High school graduate, also attended Long Beach City college.

He is employed by American Electronics in Los Angeles.

Visits Mother

Mrs. John Renoit and son, Leonard, of Lafayette, La., are enjoying a visit with her mother, Mrs. Marie Manning, 1959 Reynosa Dr. Mrs. Benoit is the former Carol Christensen of Torrance, who is enjoying renewing acquaintances with old school chums.

Club Reminisces

Past Presidents Honored by Club

Past presidents were honored at the meeting of the Torrance Woman's club held Wednesday at the clubhouse. Special tribute was paid to the Mmes. J. S. Lancaster, who served the club in 1926; M. J. Beale, 1936-37; H. C. Barrington, 1937-39; Chris Jones, 1946-47; W. I. Laughon, 1947-49; D. L. Sears, 1949-50; B. T. Whitney, 1950-51; H. R. Richards, 1954-55; H. L. Mitchell, 1955-56; and R. E. Moffitt, 1957-58. Each was presented with an orchid corsage, gifts of Mrs. J. P. Bay, first vice president and Mrs. Sid Gans, membership chairman and second vice president. Mrs. Dean Sears, who served as president in 1950 was presented with a past president's pin. Presentation was made by Mrs. John Thuss, president.

Following a catered luncheon, Mrs. Thuss welcomed members and guests and conducted a business meeting. Mrs. J. P. Bay announced that all reports from chairmen must be given at the next club meeting April 20. She also announced that the annual State Convention of the California Federation of Women's club would be held May 9 to 12 at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

Named as delegates to attend the convention were Mrs. Alan S. Moore and Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom. The annual Hat Fantasy entitled "The Mad Hatter's Ball" will be held on May 4, announced Mrs. Andrew Acampora, ways and means chairman.

Mrs. D. J. Thomsen, parliamentarian, announced several changes in the by-laws.

Mrs. Victor Benstead, garden section chairman, asked members to bring plants for exchange at the garden section meeting April 13. She also listed a number of flower show invitations.

Following the business meeting, W. E. Bowen, a long-time resident of Torrance, gave a "History of Torrance." The speaker, who came to Torrance in 1922, gave many highlights regarding the founding of Torrance, telling how it, as many of the surrounding towns, was once part of the original grant to the Dominguez family from the King of Spain. He mentioned the drought of 1901, '02 and '03 and said that eggs were selling for 3 cents a dozen, 100 pounds of beans \$20 and potatoes were \$17.50 per 100 pounds. Food had to be imported to this area from all over the state. It was not until 1904 that prosperity returned to the area, according to the speaker. Then came the iron and steel workers strike in 1910 when industry closed here and many were forced to leave Torrance in search of work. It was several years before Torrance began to grow again. In 1912, the city of Torrance came into existence. He explained how the plans for the city were laid out and how one man's idea, that of Charles Sydney Torrance of Pasadena, resulted in the Torrance of today.



A MEMORIAL . . . A plaque in memory of the late Nina Duke Easley was placed on the reception desk at the Torrance Memorial hospital last Monday morning. Mrs. Easley had spent many hours at the desk as a service for the Hospital Auxiliary. Placing the plaque is Mrs. William Boswell, president of the auxiliary. Looking on are from left, seated Mrs. Lucille Butt and Mrs. Ruth Kastin. Standing, at right, is Leonard Ensminger, hospital administrator.



IT'S EASTERTIME . . . These youngsters are all done up in their Easter finery in preparation for the Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae's annual Easter party to be held Wednesday afternoon at the Eagles Hall in Redondo Beach. There will be a puppet show and a visit from Peter Cottontail. The children are, from left, Darla Ragland, daughter of the James W. Raglands, 23730 Pennsylvania Ave.; Brad Smith, son of the C. Albert Smiths, 23725 Pennsylvania Ave., and Gloria Lee, whose parents are the Bruce A. Lees, 3618 228th St.

Local Pharmacist To Tour Europe

Gerardine Vidovich, pharmacist at the Torrance Pharmacy, accompanied by Chris Prutosos of Los Angeles and Evelyn Bevins, Anaheim, leave tomorrow by plane for New York where they will board the Flandre, French Liner, for Europe to spend five months. Miss Vidovich will see her grandmother and uncles and aunts in Yugoslavia for the first time. The trio will buy a car in Brussels and plan to tour the entire continent. From Aug. 28 to Sept. 9, Miss Vidovich will attend the International Pharmacy Convention in Copenhagen. They plan to return to the States the latter part of September.

Puppet Show, Too

Peter Cottontail Will Attend Alumnae Party

Easter is in the air and children of members and friends are eagerly awaiting the fourth annual children's Easter party of the Alpha Delta Pi South Bay Alumnae Association which will be held April 13 at the Eagles Hall, 128 South Catalina Avenue in Redondo Beach. Commencing at 3:30 p.m. the featured event will be a puppet show with an Easter theme staged by Bob Baker and his marionettes. His unique manner of including the audience in the show is designed to fascinate children and parents alike. To wind up the celebration, Peter Cottontail will be on hand to present each child with a colorful basket filled with traditional dyed eggs and Easter treats.

Mrs. Robert L. Wattenbarger is chairman of the event, the proceeds of which have been designated for the Sandacre Scholarship Fund. Tickets may be purchased by contacting any of the following chairmen: Mrs. Robert DeVries, Torrance; Mrs. Jack Kettler, Palos Verdes; Mrs. John Johnson, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Charles Livergood, Hermosa Beach; and Mrs. Joseph Mitchler, Manhattan Beach. Reservations have been made by Mrs. Doug Baldwin, of Elm Ave., and her children, Diane and Leslie; Mrs. C. Albert Smith of Pennsylvania Ave., and Robbin and Brad; Mrs. Bob Voien of Skylark; Dr. and Mrs. Stephen and Dana; Mrs. Noveta Ragland and Darla of Pennsylvania Ave.; Mrs. Doris Combs of 236th St. and children Debbie and Marvin; Mrs. Bruce Lee of 226th St. and children Gloria and Allen; Mrs. Irving Radke and Susan of Dalemead; and Mrs. J. F. Hardesty and her son, Bobby, of Cricklewood.

B&PW Club Hostess To Harbor Section Today

Mrs. Maxine Hahn, junior past president of the Torrance Business and Professional Woman's club, will be installed as Harbor Section chairman at a tea today at the Torrance YWCA when the local club is hostess. The Harbor Section includes seventeen clubs from the Sierra Mar district with an approximate membership of 600 business and professional women. Sierra Mar is the largest district in the United States, consisting of three sections—Mountain, Midland and Harbor. Clubs in the Harbor area are Artesia, Bellflower, Belmont Shore, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa-Manhattan, Lomita, Long Beach National, Manuel Nieto, Margaret Ives, Paramount, Hollydale, Redondo, San Pedro, Torrance and Wilmington. The new chairman will serve on the board of directors for the Sierra Mar district and will assist with the district program. Other new Harbor officers to be installed are Katy Bell Stephens of San Pedro, vice chairman; Daisy Shaw, Compton, nominating chairman; Gladys McPike, Long Beach, nominating chairman. Daisy Gilmore, Sierra Mar treasurer, will be the installing officer. The district convention will be held April 22-23 at the



MRS. MAXINE HAHN Honored Today

Huntington Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. Attending from here will be Mrs. Hahn, new chairman; Mrs. Robert Lewellen, club president; Florence Petrovich, first vice president, and Ruth Shrum, past secretary-treasurer of Harbor Section.

Anniversary

A tropical theme prevailed when Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAdow of Torrance recently entertained on their 17th wedding anniversary with an authentic south sea island dinner at The Polynesian Restaurant in Torrance. Guests at the party included Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Weat and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gardt.